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## Spring Newsletter

**New Water Tower:** If you do not already know the Village will be installing a new water tower above High Street replacing the open reservoir. Work is slated to begin in early March with the removal of some of the older trees. We will keep you informed of the progress and planned completion date.

**Shredding Bins:** For the Month of March, we will once again have shredding bins available at the Tracy Memorial. This is open to the public for any papers needing to be shred. You do not have to remove staples or paper clips. It is preferable that you DO remove any black binder clips. The bins are available to the public during regular business hours; during night time meetings; court nights; and on two Saturdays, March 11 and March 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Leaf Pick-Up:** Leaf pick-up will start again. The Village will take them if they are bagged in biodegradable bags. Please do not put twigs or sticks in the bags. If you bundle them next to the paper bags, we will go around and collect these at a later date. Branches should be tied in bundles. Wood should be cut as follows: over 2" in diameter – 2 feet long / under 2" in diameter – 4 feet long.

**Email Requests:** We are requesting your email address so we can keep you informed of Village Public Hearings or Meetings; unexpected changes such as trash pick-up day, office closings, etc.

**Village Court Clerk:** We are happy to announce the hiring of a new Court Clerk for the Village Court. The Board appointed Joey Smith as the new Court Clerk on January 26, 2017. She will be available on Monday evening from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. weekly; Tuesday non-court night from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and on Court nights which is the first two Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise stated) starting at 4:00 p.m. until the end of Court. Joanne Dixon and Kelly Baccaro resigned their positions at the end of December. We thank them for their years of service and wish them the best in their new endeavors.

***Water/Sewer Rate Increases:*** As many of you are aware, there is a plan for water and sewer rates to increase starting March 1, 2017. These increases will be reflected in your June 1, 2017 bill. The increases are necessary to cover costs of upgrades to both the water and sewer system. The following is a list of some ideas of how to conserve water and keep your usage down.

- 1)** Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth or washing your hands
- 2)** If it's yellow, let it mellow
- 3)** Fix your leaks (See attached sheet to determine how much waste there is in a small leak)
- 4)** Re-use your pasta cooking liquid once it is cooled to water your plants
- 5)** Cut your showers short
- 6)** Choose efficient fixtures (low flow toilet or efficient shower heads)
- 7)** Do not water your lawn daily
- 8)** Don't run the dishwasher or washing machine until it is full
- 9)** Install a rain barrel
- 10)** Flush with less (for older toilets place a half gallon jug of water in the toilet tank)
- 11)** If necessary, water outdoor plants in the early morning (cooler temperatures mean less water is lost to evaporation)
- 12)** Soap and wash dishes without water running, then rinse
- 13)** Skip a shower from time-to-time
- 14)** Shower Bucket - while waiting for hot water for your shower, put a bucket under the faucet and catch the water and use it to water plants.